

CREW OF AMERICAN STEAMER WHIPS SUBMARINE

The Weather Report

For Bridgeport and vicinity:
Local showers and somewhat cooler tonight and Wednesday.

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15,000 GAS SHELLS STRIKE U.S. LINES GERMAN COMMANDERS STILL FALTER

U. S. VESSEL TORPEDOED; 11 LIVES LOST

Five Navy Gunners Go Down With Steamer Off French Coast.

SHIP WAS BUILT FIVE YEARS AGO

Report of Sinking of Vessel is Received in New York.

New York, May 7.—The American steamer Tyler, formerly and Old Dominion freighter, has been torpedoed and sunk off the French coast, according to information received in marine circles here. Eleven members of the crew were lost. She was sunk May 3.

The Tyler was of 3,298 tons gross and was built in 1913. Of the 11 who perished, six were members of the merchant crew and five were navy gunners. The members of the merchant crew killed were P. W. Meers, third assistant engineer, Waashe Creek, Va.; Clarence E. Knowlton, oiler, Norfolk, Va.; P. Kaumato, mess man, no address; Joseph Rodriguez, fireman, Gregorio Carro, coal passer, Fernando Lasso, fireman, the three from Corunna, Spain.

KU KLUX WARN IDLERS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT

Birmingham, Ala., May 7.—One hundred and fifty white robed men in ku klux klan uniform carrying an American flag and a fiery cross at the head of the procession, rode through the streets of Birmingham last night, warning idlers to find work to do.

The riders distributed cards saying the United States is at war; that every man is needed—except those whose attitude is hostile to the government—and that the klan intends to see that there is no idleness. The cards say in part:

"If you would be justly entitled to the toleration and protection you are enjoying, find work to do and do it. No able bodied man, rich or poor, has a right to consume without producing. Take heed and go to work. The eye of scrutiny is on you.

"Be respectful to the flag of our country and loyal to the government. Aid by every means at your command the suppression of disloyalty by either speech or action. The ku klux klan is pledged to the enforcement of the above tenets."

WILSON SEEKING AID OF SCOUTS TO FIND TREES

New York, May 7.—Scarcity of black walnut timber for the making of gun stocks and airplane propellers has resulted in President Wilson addressing an appeal to the 350,000 Boy Scouts of America asking them to communicate to the war department the location throughout the country of black walnut trees, their sizes, the names of the owners and the price at which they can be purchased.

President Wilson's letter containing this service call was made public here today by James E. West, chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

TOTAL OF \$993,700,000 AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK

New York, May 7.—Clerks tabulating the Liberty loan subscriptions for the New York federal reserve district had less than \$7,000,000 to count today to reach the billion dollar mark. At 11 a. m. the announced official figures totalled \$993,700,000, an increase of approximately \$15,300,000 over last night's total. The district's quota was \$999,000,000. Several hundred tabulators are still at work on the returns and the final announcement probably will not be made before Thursday night.

SUBMERGING U-BOAT HIT BY SHELL

New Germanic Drug Stills "Premature" Hunger for a While

Amsterdam, May 7.—"To starve hunger without at the same time suffering from headache or other indisposition is very difficult for most people," reads the opening sentence of a significant advertisement in Sunday's Tagblende Rundschau of Berlin by a Berlin chemical firm, praising a newly invented drug which, "though not forming a substitute for the minimum daily sustenance, is an excellent preparation for stilling premature hunger and enables one to hold out until the next meal time."

LONDON PRESS RECALLS CRIME OF LUSITANIA

London, May 7.—The Lusitania anniversary is commemorated by the newspapers today with big captions and special articles recalling the crime which the British public is not likely to forget.

The Daily Graphic in an editorial laments that the public apparently is becoming dulled to the horror of the Lusitania atrocity. It asks why there is not a commemorative procession this year as there was last year. If there is not, it asks, will its absence not be proof of the extent to which Germany's many crimes against humanity have desensitized the world's sense of tenderness.

NAMES OF THREE FROM STATE IN CASUALTY LIST

Washington, May 7.—The casualty list today contained 41 names divided as follows: Killed in action, 4; died of wounds, 2; died of diseases, 5; died of other causes, 1; wounded severely, 15; wounded slightly, 13; missing in action, 1.

Lieut. Edmond J. LaPorte of Plainfield, N. J., was the only officer named. He died of disease.

Three Connecticut men's names appear in the list. Corporal James P. Whalen, Jr., of Hartford, died of disease contracted in the service; Private Giovanni Cavalari of Torrington, died of wounds, and Private Louis R. Ziegler of Deep River, is reported as missing following an action.

GREGORY READY FOR AIRCRAFT INVESTIGATION

Washington, May 7.—Attorney General Gregory started today to outline plans for the aircraft investigation ordered by President Wilson. He called into conference G. Carroll Todd, his assistant, and Solicitor General Davis and the three went over the situation.

The attorney general made it clear that under the president's instructions he would go to the bottom of the charges against those connected with the production program, and would welcome assistance from any person who believes he has information on the subject. Meanwhile the house military committee subjected war department officials to a close examination at a conference at which the administration's request for a billion dollar aircraft appropriation was taken up. Secretary Baker, J. D. Ryan, in charge of production; Maj. Gen. March, acting chief of staff; Maj. Gen. Squier, chief signal officer; and other officers were present at the conference.

DELAY SENDING ALARM GAVE FIRE BIG START

HAWLEY AVE. HOME DAMAGED TO EXTENT OF \$3,000 TODAY—FIREMAN PERO SUFFERS INJURY AND BECOMES UNCONSCIOUS.

Fire in the upper part of the two family house at 428 and 430 Hawley avenue was discovered shortly before noon today, and before a telephone could be reached the roof had caught and was blazing fiercely.

This gave rise to the belief in the down town districts that the fire was either in or in dangerous proximity to St. Vincent's hospital. Upon the arrival of the apparatus discovered that the blaze was more serious than at first thought and a bell alarm was pulled. This brought out Engines 4 and 5 along with Truck 2 and Chemical 1. Fortunately all the inmates were grown people and had rushed to the street and safety immediately upon discovering the fire.

While carrying a line of hose to the room fireman Peter S. Pero, of Engine 5, wrenched his foot badly and became unconscious with the smoke and pain. He was rescued with difficulty by his brother firefighters who had to cross a particularly dangerous part of the blazing structure to reach him. A call was sent to the Emergency hospital for the ambulance.

RAISING BIG FUND TO RESIST CONSCRIPTION

IRELAND REMAINS QUIET ON THE SURFACE BUT SITUATION BRISTLES WITH ALARMING POSSIBILITIES—SINN FEIN CONTROLS.

London, May 7.—Ireland remains remarkably quiet, says the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Mail in reporting on conditions there incident to the anticonscription campaign. "Although the church is raising," he adds, "an enormous national defense fund which is ostensibly collected to fight conscription, it apparently does not prefer to accept responsibility for the manner in which the money is spent, and control of the fund has passed into the hands of the Sinn Fein. The lists of names of men who signed the anti-conscription pledge under the direction of the priests is said to be in the hands of Sinn Finers as a basis for a registration system."

"Conditions appear daily to be growing worse as nationalism is spread further along on the Sinn Fein flood," he says. "Moderate men of the Irish convention have faded out of public recognition and it is quite obvious that whatever are the government's home rule proposals they will be rejected contemptuously by the bulk of the country and denounced more passionately than was conscription."

ESCAPING RED CROSS WORKERS FIRED UPON

AMERICANS FLEEING FROM ODESSA SHELLED BY GERMAN BATTERY NORTH OF CITY—MISSION TO ROUMANIA HAS EVENTFUL TRIP.

London, May 7.—In an eventful flight from Jassy, the Rumanian capital, the American Red Cross mission to Rumania which now has arrived in London, escaped from Odessa 36 hours before the Germans entered it only to be fired on by a German battery in the Ukraine 200 miles north of the Black sea port.

The German shells did no damage to the Red Cross train, falling about half a mile from it, but several members of the mission breathed a sigh of relief when the bombardment came to an end after five minutes which had seemed like hours.

When the mission left Jassy it was known that the journey likely would be a dangerous one. Reports in Jassy as to the whereabouts of the Germans varied greatly, but it was fairly clear that the Germans were within 50 or 60 miles of Odessa and that their advance parties might be encountered along the line. The members of the Red Cross mission left on the third of six trains

Navy Department Reports Details of Tidewater's Fight With Sub.

SHIP MISSES RAMMING HUN CRAFT BY 20 FEET

German Boat Was Sighted 150 Yards Away and Gunners Opened Fire.

Washington, May 7.—A fight between American steamer Tidewater and a German submarine on March 17, in which the submarine was defeated and probably sunk, was reported today by the navy department.

The announcement said: "The commander of the armed guard on the steamer Tidewater reports to the navy department that on March 17, about 11:30 p. m., a submarine was sighted off the starboard bow, heading toward the vessel, about 150 yards off. As the ship turned it missed the submarine by not more than 20 feet. The submarine was then submerged. The ship's guns were brought to bear and the first shot hit some distance ahead of her wake."

"The pointer fired the second shot and had what the captain, the chief engineer and myself and other members of the crew called a clean hit and we were satisfied that it was effective. The third shot was fired by the boatswain's mate in charge of the after gun, having her spotted and firing in the position she last submerged in. We resumed our course and commenced zigzagging, standing by for an attack, but the submarine did not appear again. We made all preparations for an attack at daybreak, but there were no signs of a submarine."

CHARGES PLACED AGAINST MUENCH

Washington, May 7.—Complaint that George Muench of Stamford, Conn., a manufacturer of machinery, has systematically given employees of customers gratuities, such as liquor, money and valuable presents, was made today by the federal trade commission. The complaint says that such actions are designed to influence employees to have their employers deal with the respondent and not with competing concerns.

38,961 ARE NAMED ON BRITISH LIST

London, May 7.—British casualties reported during the week ending today reached a total of 38,961.

Of this number 6,555 officers and men were killed or died of wounds; and 32,136 were wounded or reported missing. The casualties were divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 493; men, 6,056. Wounded or missing—Officers, 1,859; men, 30,277.

REQUEST MEN FROM ALL BUT 3 STATES

Washington, May 7.—A requisition on all states except Arizona, Delaware and Vermont for 4,000 specially qualified draft registrants to go to camp May 20, was sent out today by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

GOOD WINE FOR FRENCH GUNNERS

Paris, May 7.—The municipal council has decided to send several cases of good wine to the French artillerymen who are counter attacking the German long range guns.

REPORT FAVORABLE ON OVERMAN BILL

Washington, May 7.—The Overman bill granting broad powers to the President to reorganize and coordinate government departments was ordered favorably reported to the House today by the Judiciary committee by a vote of 15 to 1.

BLOW AGAINST ITALY DEFERRED BY ENEMY; HUN ARTILLERY BUSY

OFFENSIVES ON WEST FRONT AND IN ITALY MAY BE STARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY ENEMY—ROME SAYS FOE'S INFANTRY IS INACTIVE.

Germany's hordes are still held in check. Neither in Flanders nor in Picardy nor along the important Arras sector has the enemy renewed his attacks in force and he has not reacted against the gain made north of the Somme by the Australians in which more than 200 prisoners were captured.

On both battle fronts, however, the artillery fire has been most intense and the German attack cannot much longer be delayed if the enemy hopes to take advantage of whatever damage has been done to the Allied positions by the heavy bombardments carried out by his guns since the repulse north of Mont Kemmel more than a week ago. The greatest German artillery activity has been on the northern half of the Flanders front and south of the Somme to below the Avre in Picardy.

American troops in their positions south of the Somme have been subjected to intense artillery fire, the enemy using more than 15,000 shells, mostly gas, in a short period. There have been no signs of an infantry attack against the Americans, who confidently await the first sign of reawakened activity.

The Austro-Hungarian blow against the Italian front has not developed. Rome reports only moderate artillery fire along most of the front from Switzerland to the Adriatic and no infantry activity. The Austrians, however, may be waiting for the most favorable moment, probably the renewal of the German drive in France.

The British war office's statement follows: "We carried out a successful raid last night in the neighborhood of Neuville Vitasse (on the front recently taken over by the Canadians) and captured a few prisoners and three machine guns with slight casualties to our troops. A raid attempted by the enemy near Boyelles was repulsed. There is nothing further to report."

The Paris war office's statement follows: "The artillery on both sides was active north and south of the Avre. A German raid against a small French post near Hangard was repulsed. In the same region we carried out a local operation and brought back prisoners. "There is nothing to report elsewhere on the front."

EARLY MORNING CONCERT DIDN'T SUIT NEIGHBORS SOCIALIST BAND IN AUSTRIA NOW PLAN ON REVOLT

Berne, Switzerland, May 7.—Labor and Socialist organizations in Austria threaten revolt against the government action in suspending parliament. Swiss newspapers print a telegram from Vienna quoting the Sozial Demokratische Korrespondenz to the effect that a committee of the Socialist party and a committee of the German Socialists deputies have decided to issue a manifesto to the working classes in regard to the government's action in which the following declaration will be made:

"If absolutism is re-established out of regard for pan-Germanism, which is prolonging the war, the working classes will be forced to fight for their rights."

The manifesto concludes by exhorting the workers to hold themselves ready to fight if necessary.

When requested to behave themselves they answered with language which has been deleted by the censor and finally the racket raised by the three became so violent that their landlord complained to the police and they were placed under arrest.

Before they were arraigned in court this morning they were able to obliterate the traces of last night's jam-boree and it was a surprised court which beheld the three refined looking women arraigned upon the charge of creating a near riot in the wee sma hours. After hearing the testimony against them the court ordained that they each pay \$5 and costs, which they promptly did and they left headquarters promising never to offend again.

Between the close of the Liberty loan campaign and the opening of the Red Cross drive on May 20, Bridgeport will buy Smilge books.

EXPECT STATE TO RAISE 5 MILLION

In addressing 1,500 or more delegates to the State Convention of the Connecticut Red Cross Chapters in Hartford on May 1, Governor Holcomb said that Connecticut had contributed approximately \$2,000,000 to the first Red Cross War Fund and that in view of the portentous and critical situation now confronting the Allies, would surprise him if the residents of this state did not contribute \$5,000,000 to the Second Red Cross War Fund.

INVENTORY FILED

John Lesko, Jr., and Andrew Horvath, appraisers of the estate of the late John Yuhasz, filed an inventory in probate court this morning. The entire estate consists of personal property valued at \$1,678.25.